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## NEWS RELEASE

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### NEW GAME, GREAT ODDS, DRAWS SIX DAYS A WEEK

Bismarck – Lottery players will be introduced to a new game this week. Chuck Keller, director of the North Dakota Lottery, announced that ticket sales of “**2by2**” will begin on February 2, 2006.

“Players have been asking for a game with more chances to win and better odds, even if the prize is smaller,” said Keller. “The **2by2** game does it all. It boasts the best overall odds of any lottery game; drawings are held 6 nights a week, Monday through Saturday; and the jackpot is steady.”

The Lottery will host official **2by2** launch celebrations at four retailers on Thursday, including chances for the public to win great prizes, at:

- Bismarck **I-94 BP Super Express** (Exit 161) - 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Fargo: **Simonson Station Store**, 3810 West Main 11:00 am-1:00 pm, and **Jimmy's BP Amoco**, 1902 45th St. South, 4:00-6:00 pm.
- Mandan: **M & H Gas**, 322 Main St. East, 4:00-6:00 pm.

There are eight ways to win in **2by2**. To play the game, a player selects two red numbers from 1-26 and two white numbers from 1-26. Players may also use the quick pick option. Each play costs \$1. Matching just one number wins a free quick pick play. Matching all four numbers wins the fixed jackpot of \$20,000. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1:3.59. To help kick off the celebrations, the Lottery is offering a ‘Get 6 Draws for the Price of 5’ promotion on **2by2** tickets purchased through February 16, 2006. During the promotion, players who buy a single play, 6-draw **2by2** ticket will get the 6th draw free.

“The **2by2** game will give players more variety and a little extra excitement,” said Keller. “I know it’s going to be a winning game.”

**2by2** is currently played in Kansas and Nebraska. The maximum jackpot prize award is \$100,000 in a single draw; if there are more than 5 jackpot winning tickets among the participating state lotteries, the \$100,000 will be divided equally between all jackpot winning tickets.

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